



## 12 questions frequently asked about Early Winters Gore-Tex® parkas.

### 1 Why should I wear one of your Gore-Tex® parkas instead of a 60/40 parka or my nylon rain gear?

An Early Winters Gore-Tex parka is more than just a rain coat. It may well be the most versatile piece of clothing you will ever wear. No combination of rain or wind wear can give you the comfort and protection of a single Early Winters parka.

Each combines the weight of a windbreaker, the rain protection of North Atlantic foulweather gear and the breathability of Gore-Tex laminated fabric to keep you dry on the inside as well.

Early Winters Gore-Tex parkas are cut from specially developed patterns for full freedom of action and honest good looks. They incorporate many unique features to give you state-of-art, high performance outdoor wear.

### 2 How is it that your Gore-Tex clothing can protect me from wind, rain and my own body's moisture?

Because they're made from Gore-Tex laminated fabrics. A thin membrane of expanded PTFE (the same resin from which Teflon is made) is laminated between two layers of fabric. This membrane has pores which are too small to allow liquid water to pass through; yet are large enough to let water vapor—like that given off by your body—to pass freely out.

An Early Winters Gore-Tex parka will keep you dry in the heaviest downpour. At the same time it'll let your body vapor out to prevent the clammy condensation that forms inside of normal rain gear.

### 3 Why do people wear your Gore-Tex® jackets even when it isn't raining?

Early Winters Gore-Tex parkas stop the wind better than any windbreaker ever made. That's why you'll see them used on windy ridges, on cold desert mornings, or just around town on nippy days. Their good looks and warm, wind-breaking ability make them just the thing even when the skies are clear.

### 4 What exactly is a Gore-Tex laminate and how is it made?

Gore-Tex laminates are made by W.L. Gore & Associates in Elkton, Maryland.

For a more comprehensive discussion of how Gore-Tex works and the composition of the laminates, see the "Gore-Tex Story" beginning on page 19.

The exact process by which the PTFE resin is stretched to form the Gore-Tex membrane, as well as the method of laminating the membrane to the fabrics is literally kept behind closed steel doors. Only a select handful of people in the world know the secret of its manufacture.

### 5 Will I ever sweat in my Gore-Tex parka?

Sweating is your body's way of cooling itself when you're overheated. You can sweat wearing just a T-shirt on a hot day. You can also sweat when you're exercising strenuously in a Gore-Tex parka. A Gore-Tex parka can't keep you from sweating . . . but it will let the water vapor given off by your body pass through the fabric.

This means that you won't get the condensation inside your Early Winters Gore-Tex parka that you'd get if you were wearing regular rain gear. You'll be significantly more comfortable in an Early Winters parka than in regular rain gear.

### 6 What sort of care should I give my Early Winters Gore-Tex parka?

Don't be afraid to wash your Gore-Tex parka. You should wash it occasionally to keep it clean, good looking, and in top shape.

Wash the parka in warm water with Ivory Snow. Drip or tumble dry at moderate heat. Do not dryclean. Stubborn spots and stains can be removed with K2R spot remover.

### 7 How long can I expect my Gore-Tex gear to last?

With normal care, longer than regular rain gear. Because the all-important Gore-Tex membrane is protected between two layers of fabric, it can't peel off or abrade away as often happens with normal, coated-nylon rain gear.

### 8 Why do you make parkas from more than one kind of Gore-Tex laminate?

Our Gore-Tex parkas of sparkling, lightweight Hytron nylon are intended for outdoor use where weight is of utmost concern. Mountaineers and bicyclists in particular will appreciate the tremendous protection which these parkas give with so little weight and bulk.

Our parkas made from nylon Taslan look and feel much like 60/40 cloth or cotton poplin. They weigh somewhat more than would the same parka in Hytron. The Taslan is quieter, softer, and more resistant to abrasion.

The choice is yours. For ultimate, lightweight performance, choose a parka of the Hytron. For a softer, more traditional look and feel, pick a Taslan jacket or parka.

### 9 Why do all of your parkas have zippers under the arms?

Remember question 5 about sweat? Well . . . the convenient, protected zipper vents under the arms of our Gore-Tex parkas let you vent off excess heat as it forms. If you don't become overheated, you won't be sweaty and uncomfortable.

Just one more reason why Early Winters Gore-Tex parkas are unbeatable.

### 10 Why do the hoods on your parkas have two different sets of draw cords?

This is another feature unique to Early Winters Gore-Tex parkas.

The inside draw cord holds the hood to your head and allows it to turn as you turn your head. On windy days you can leave the hood completely open for a full view; yet it won't blow back off your head.

The outer draw cord closes down the hood in foul weather. It gives you good face protection in blowing rain and snow.

### 11 Why do you give away a can of your special seam sealant and a Monoject® syringe applicator with every piece of Gore-Tex gear?

The seams of all rain gear, Gore-Tex or other wise, should be sealed to prevent leakage. Our Rain Coat seam sealant and the handy syringe applicator are provided with every parka. They make seam sealing neat, fast, easy and effective. Complete instructions are included.

### 12 Where can I get additional information about the use & care of my new Early Winters Gore-Tex® parka?

Complete use and care instructions are included with each of our parkas and jackets. A handy storage sack and color matched swatch of fabric for patching are included, too.

\*Gore-Tex® laminate is a registered trade mark of W.L. Gore and Associates, Inc.

### Why you should buy your Gore-Tex® parka by mail from Early Winters

*The fun of receiving packages isn't even listed!*

**UNIQUE & AVAILABLE ONLY FROM US**  
Don't expect to find an Early Winters parka (or any of our gear) on the rack at your local sporting goods store.

Our Gore-Tex parkas and jackets are designed, manufactured & sold only by us. Their unbeatable combination of unique features, attractive styling, meticulous construction, and rich detailing result in a garment about which you'll feel uncommonly proud.

**IT'S EASY TO ORDER.**  
If you live outside of the Seattle area, don't despair! Early Winters is as close as the nearest mailbox.

Pick out the perfect parka for yourself in the unhurried comfort of your home or office. Fill out your order and mail it in the handy, postpaid envelope. There's no crowd to fight, no car to park, no sales force to pressure your decision.

For even faster ordering, just pick up the phone. Call (206) 622-5203 & charge your parka with your bankcard.

**THE SERVICE IS FAST.**  
Most orders are shipped the same day they're received.

**TRY ONE FOR 30 DAYS AT NO RISK!**  
We mean it when we say that we want you to try one of our great new Gore-Tex parkas for yourself. Go ahead and order one now. In just a few days you'll be wearing your new Gore-Tex parka around the house, to work; then on your next outdoor trip.

If you're not fully pleased with your Gore-Tex parka, just return it. We'll refund or exchange your purchase immediately—no questions asked.

So order now. You've nothing to lose. And all the matchless comfort and good looks of an Early Winters parka to gain.



# Remarkable new products to protect your boots... make life on your feet more comfortable!

From the mind of a backpacking engineer comes a whole new way of caring for your boots — and your feet!

It's the Early Winters Boot Care System . . . four unique new formulations guaranteed to make your boots perform better while lasting longer than ever before.

Nearly three years of testing by our staff and professional outdoors people has made us real believers. When treated with Leather Dry, Water Seal, Boot Guard, and Stitch Lock, your boots get packed with long-lasting protection against:

- ✓ Water
- ✓ Abrasion
- ✓ Rot
- ✓ Fungus
- ✓ Dry out & cracking

. . . villains that rob your boots of life and wreak misery on your feet.

Good boots are the foundation for enjoying so many outdoor activities. Don't neglect them.

Why endure wet feet, unnecessary blisters, and worn out boots when this new system of boot treatment can stop the trouble?

Just \$9.95 brings you all four elements, everything you need to maintain your costly boot investment.

Order yours today and make your feet proud of you!

**Leather Dry**  
No. 0400 . . . . . \$2.95

Tired of wax or grease "waterproofers" that wear out after a day or two of use?

One application of Leather Dry lasts up to a year!

Its special hydrophobic, silicone polymers soak deep into the leather. It permanently attaches itself to each individual leather fiber to repel water. At the same time, the microscopic spaces between the fibers are left open so the leather actually breathes to let out your foot perspiration!

Leather Dry improves low temperature boot flexibility and helps prevent annoying freezing. It preserves leather without softening or discoloring it.

The 16 oz. can is plenty for a pair of boots. Highly recommended, especially when applied to new boots before using Water Seal. For chrome-tanned leather.

*A little boot care now will bring you big comfort dividends on your very next trip!*

## Waterproof your boots with this remarkable new discovery.

Water Seal's a new discovery that's been a long time in the works. It's the best boot waterproofer we've ever used. It fills all six of our requirements for the ideal waterproofer.

1. It makes your boots completely waterproof.
2. It's proven long lasting.
3. You can use it on any type of leather, chrome or oil tanned.
4. It's not sticky or messy, is easy to apply, and goes on without boot-damaging heat.
5. It stays pliable in cold weather.
6. And it's better than any other boot treatment—wax, silicone, or oil based—American or European made!

Water Seal is intended for extreme, wet conditions. Rub some into your boots and your feet will stay dry whether you're hiking through slushy snow, muskeg, or sloppy trails.

One application will last for several trips — it's practically permanent — so a little goes a long way. It saves you money as well as wet feet.

Using is believing, so order a jar or two today. Give it a shot on your toughest trip. If it isn't all we say — if it isn't the finest boot treatment you've ever used — then send back any unused portion for a full refund.

Water Seal gives you the kind of sure, easy results you've dreamed of all these years. It's guaranteed! 2 oz. jar.

**Water Seal**  
No. 0404 . . . . . \$2.85  
A new waterproofing discovery that works better, lasts longer than other products. Not pictured. See box left.

**Boot Guard**  
No. 0401 . . . . . \$2.95  
Here's a high density silicone oil to keep the inside of all boots soft and supple without stretching the leather.

Rub in a little every 2nd or 3rd time you use your boots to preserve the leather and reduce friction to help prevent blisters!

A built-in fungicide prevents mildew and interior rot — the single most common reason why boots fall apart. Pays for itself over and over again.

A full 8 oz. can lasts a long time.

**Stitch Lock**  
No. 0402 . . . . . \$2.59

Paint Stitch Lock on your boot welt and over the exposed thread seams, inside and out. It soaks into the threads to make them incredibly tough. Even if severe abrasion wears away the outer surface of a thread, the Stitch Lock will keep the seam from coming apart.

Stitch Lock is pre-catalyzed and won't yellow. It undergoes a chemical conversion upon application.

**Complete Boot Care System**  
One each of Leather Dry, Water Seal, Boot Guard, and Stitch Lock—everything you need to treat a pair of boots.

Order yours today and start giving your boots and feet the kind of care they really deserve! You save \$1.39.

No. 0403 . . . . . \$9.95

# Eye of the Wind™

*A Gore-Tex® jacket cut for action in good-looking style.*

At first, Eye of the Wind impresses with its breezy good looks. Sleek, tailored fit, wide band collar flared slightly for comfort, and striking slash pockets . . . these make Eye of the Wind the sharp-looking jacket to wear around town, to work, or to a double feature at the Bijou.

But slip into this versatile jacket and you'll know at once that Eye of the Wind is perfectly designed for active outdoor wear. The short hip length and raglan sleeves with an underarm "action ease" make this a jacket to move in.

Bend over the handle bars or carve a smooth turn in deep powder . . . Eye of the Wind flows with you & doesn't ride up.

## Stormy weather & summer breezes.

Need a lightweight, windproof summer jacket? Eye of the Wind is your featherweight 14 oz. choice that'll do rain-shedding duty in bad weather, too. This jacket's fine and practical detailing will take you by storm—as well as through them.

Adjustable Velcro® wrist tabs and a snap-down weather flap over the front zipper closure keep out the wildest winds. When you work up heat ski touring,

hiking, or cycling, zip open the 12" underarm vents. Double sliders on the front zipper closure also let you adjust the ventilation for easy comfort.

Eye of the Wind's large, weatherproof slash pockets are as handy as you'll find. They're set high for comfort and easy access while wearing a pack. Even loaded up with snacks, mittens and other gear, they won't interfere with your movement.

For even more protection, zip the optional hood to the collar. The inner



drawcord holds the hood to your head in the stiffest breeze . . . without restricting your wide field of view. The stiffened, overhanging bill helps keep rain and snow from blowing in your face.

## Any way you wear it, there's a fabric & color for you.

Eye of the Wind offers you the choice of two types of Gore-Tex laminates. The Hytron version—in safe, easy-to-see gold—is especially suited for bicyclists since it's bright, light and takes little space to pack.

Wear the brushed Taslan version for a softer, more traditional-feeling garment. Both versions give you the up-to-the-second, unrivaled comfort and weather protection of Gore-Tex® laminates.

So fair weather or foul, you'll feel good in Eye of the Wind. Order one today, and soon you'll be discovering its easy versatility and dashing good looks for yourself. You'll wear it to mountain tops & the movies with equal pleasure.

If for any reason you don't find Eye of the Wind ideal for your active life, just return it within 30 days. We'll refund or exchange your order, just as you wish.

Eye of the Wind . . . it's such a breeze.

Weights w/stuff sack:  
Hytron, 14 ozs.  
Taslan, 16 ozs.

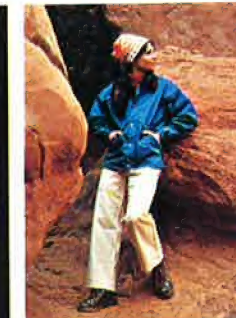
Colors:  
Hytron: Gold/Orange

Taslan: Storm Gray/Navy, Impala/Chocolate, Cobalt Blue/Navy.

Sizes	XS	S	M	L	XL
Women	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	
Men	30-32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48
Hood	S	S,M	M,L	M,L	L

To figure your exact hood size, stand with your head erect & measure from the prominent bone at the base of your neck, over your head, to the bridge of your nose. If you wear a Small jacket and the overhead measurement is more than 19" order a Medium hood. If you wear a Medium jacket and the measurement is more than 20" order a Large hood.

**Eye of the Wind**  
No. 1214 . . . . . \$58.00  
**Eye of the Wind, Zip-on Hood**  
No. 1216 . . . . . \$14.50



Enjoy full head protection with the zip-on hood. Vent off any excess heat with the handy underarm zippers.





# A special pack for a special few.

The Firey Pack. A new & stable frameless pack . . . thoughtfully detailed . . . the result of years of use & development by climbers throughout the world.



**Contoured & padded for easy comfort.**

You weren't created square and straight. But most pack straps and belts are made as if you were. They can chafe, bind, and slide around uncomfortably.

The Firey Pack's straps, hip belt, and back panel are all padded with 1/2" high-density foam and cut with subtle curves to fit around you with perfect comfort. They won't chafe, and they won't cut into your muscles even after hours of wear.

*Start experiencing the easy comfort and sure stability of this finely crafted pack for yourself. Accessory side pockets are handy for longer trips.*



This is not a pack for everyone. One look tells you it's a pack intended for more than leisurely backpacking.

Alpinists will immediately recognize it as a versatile rucksack ideal for dayclimbs, weekend ski tours . . . even multi-day alpine traverses.

The Firey Pack is a specialized climber's and tourer's rucksack for those of you who leave tame trails behind in search of nature's wild and little known corners.

## A balanced, snug fit . . . you'll swear it's part of you.

A close-fitting rucksack is crucial for balance and comfort. This ideally contoured rucksack hugs your back. When you reach for a hold, or move out on touring skis, the pack bends with you.

A central, snap-together internal vertical divider pulls the pack to your back for a lean profile that won't hang up on brush or rock. It separates the pack into two tubes which give firm shape without rigidity and transfers the weight to the hips so you can carry a full load in comfort.

The result is a perfectly balanced pack that seems a part of you like a shadow.



Vertical divider can be closed or left open. Carefully placed lashing points.

### Designer Carla Firey

Were you to meet Carla Firey, you'd know at once how apropos her name is. Next time you run across a woman with blazing red hair climbing a 5.10 pitch in Yosemite, say to yourself with some assurance, "Why, I bet that's Carla Firey!" You'll probably be right.

Carla is a native of Seattle. She began designing outdoor gear while still in high school some years and many mountains ago. Now mountaineers from throughout the country come to her for custom equipment.

We've known Carla for quite some time. We've very pleased that we're able to share with you this great and versatile pack.

## Many other features.

- Here are some of the additional features that make the Firey Pack so enjoyable to own and use:
- Bottom & lower 6" made of double layers of pack cloth with the coatings facing each other for great durability and water resistance.
  - Accepts accessory side pockets to add 425 cu. in. of additional volume.
  - Top flap is divided into 2 handy pockets, one above the other. The 10X10X3" top pocket is a crunchproof place for your lunch, glacier goggles & binoculars. The pocket opens by a zipper set behind your head so you can reach back & get items without removing the pack.
  - The bottom pocket is a convenient place to carry maps and guidebooks.
  - Waist belt features a safe, instant-release, non-slip buckle.
  - Flap can be raised or lowered in relation to the pack to let you extend or contract the pack's volume to adjust to the load.
  - Heavy-duty reinforcements at all stress points.
  - 7 latigo leather lashing patches for plenty of places to strap on your tent, sleeping bag, foam pad, skis etc.
  - Special flap straps give you quick access under the top flap without having to unthread the hold down straps.
  - Internal divider can be totally or partially unsnapped for greater volume when you need to carry larger loads.

## Put one on your back.

Words and pictures only hint at the real reason to own a Firey Pack . . . the pleasure of using a comfortable, first-rate piece of gear of impeccable design and execution.

Give the Firey Pack a try. Order one today and take it out on your very next trip. If it isn't far better than any rucksack or frameless pack you've ever used, we'll buy it back for the full purchase price plus transportation cost. Fair enough?

This is quite a pack. We guarantee it!

- Color: Royal Blue with Navy trim.  
Average Wt: 2 lbs. 10 ozs.  
Sizes: Small (6 1/2 X15 X23"), Medium (7 X15 X25") Large (7 X15 1/2 X27")
- To determine the proper fit for yourself, measure the distance from the top of your hip bone to the protruding point of your collar bone next to your throat. 15-16"=Small, 17-19"=Medium, 20-22"=Large.
- Accessory strap set**  
1-9" neoprene strap w/buckle for ice ax. 2-18" neoprene straps w/buckles for cramp-ons, & 4-24" long 1" webbing straps with buckles for skis, tent, foam pad; sleeping bag.  
No. 2206 . . . . . \$6.85
- Accessory snap-on pocket**  
No. 2207 . . . . . \$7.95  
Save \$2. 2 for . . . . . \$13.90
- Early Winters Firey Pack**  
No. 2205 . . . . . \$74.95

# New Gore-Tex® Leggers™ . . . Lightweight wind & water protection for your legs.

Our Gore-Tex® Leggers are new. They're just the thing to keep your legs comfortable in all sorts of weather. Try them and you'll probably wonder how you got along without them.

Leggers are just about a must. They keep you dry in drizzles and downpours, through wet grass and bushes. They even keep you clean and dry on muddy trails.

Since they weigh only 8 oz.—including stuff sack—and take up less space than a pair of socks, you'll take them on even the shortest trip. They insure so much comfort and protection for so little weight and space that we've come to consider them a fundamental piece of outdoor gear. Everyone would be wise to carry a pair. If you're like us, you'll find them a very sensible alternative to your rain pants for all but the most extreme conditions.

**Leggers give you easy wind protection, too.**

When the wind's so cold it bites, hop into your Leggers. Since they're completely windproof, they'll keep you almost as warm as a pair of longjohns.

Leggers pull on over your boots with a minimum of fuss. Fasten the Velcro® tab around your belt or to a loop on your pants and you're ready to go. Another Velcro® tab at the ankle insures a smooth, snug fit no matter what your footwear.

*Full-length zipper closures and snap-down storm flaps make these gaiters easy to put on & take off.*



The ankle tab seals out cold winds, water, mud and snow.

**Leggers save you money.**

Gore-Tex Leggers are lighter, less bulky, and generally more comfortable than rain pants. When you wear them with a Gore-Tex shell or parka, they'll give you good, easy protection from wind, rain, snow, mud and your own body's moisture. Their many benefits at about half the cost of rain pants makes them a fine value, a sensible investment in your own comfort.

Leggers come in your choice of blue, green and gold Gore-Tex® Hytron. Order a pair and give them a try. Prove to yourself how handy, comfortable, and just plain invaluable they are.

If they don't significantly increase the pleasure of your trips, if they're not all we say, then return them within 30 days for a complete refund or exchange, as you wish.

Gore-Tex® Leggers are sewn strong and feature a heavy, 8 oz. pack cloth reinforcement at the ankle. They're a lasting investment you're guaranteed to love.

- Colors: Blue, Green, Gold  
Weight: Medium pair, 8 oz.  
Sizes: Inseam length, S=28", M=30 1/2", L=33"
- Early Winters Gore-Tex Leggers**  
No. 1235 . . . . . \$27.50



Contour-cut Leggers are one of the best ways devised to give your legs the great comfort & protection of Gore-Tex®. Leggers pack into a storage sack for easy stashing in your pack. The bottom Velcro® tab lets you seal out the weather.

# Comfortable Gore-Tex® gaiters

Here are full-size Gore-Tex® gaiters to give you fitted, waterproof protection from your ankles to your knees. You'll get the same great protection as with regular gaiters . . . without the condensation on your legs!

When you need to keep rocks, debris, and snow from getting in your boots, zip on your Early Winters Gore-Tex gaiters. Your feet will stay dryer, more comfortable year 'round in spite of rain, mud or snow.

The leg is a 5 oz. Gore-Tex® laminate. The foot section is two layers of 8 oz. pack cloth with the coatings facing one another. Because the Gore-Tex membrane in the leg is sandwiched between two layers of fabric, as are the urethane coatings in the highly-durable foot, your Early Winters gaiters won't lose their waterproofness

with time, as will ordinary gaiters as the fabric coating wears out.

With Early Winters Gore-Tex gaiters, you'll always be sure of staying dry—from rain and snow as well as internal condensation.

Order yourself a pair of these beautiful, form-fitted Gore-Tex gaiters today. Wear them snowshoeing, mountain climbing and exploring, as well as on muddy trails or through wet grass and dripping vegetation. Fitted Gore-Tex gaiters give you that extra margin of comfort that adds so much enjoyment to your treks.

- Early Winters Gore-Tex Gaiters**  
No. 4121 . . . . . \$29.95  
Sizes: Small, Medium, Large Wt. 10 oz.
- |                 | S   | M       | L   |
|-----------------|-----|---------|-----|
| Men's Boot Size | +7  | 7-10    | 10+ |
| Gaiter Length   | 16" | 17 1/2" | 19" |



A great favorite . . .

# Superb packs for backpacking, mountaineering, skiing, & travel!

This pack is one of our most popular items for three very important reasons:

1. It carries a great variety of loads, both large and small. Yet you have fast access to any item you want . . . without unpacking everything. It doesn't take a clairvoyant to find a pair of socks in an Early Winters pack!
2. The X-frame suspension system, sewn-in waist belt, and comfortable hug-the-back design means this pack is exceptionally suited to climbing, roaming, and skiing—not just backpacking on trails. This is a true multi-purpose pack with no sacrifice of performance where you really need it . . . off the trail!
3. Because we're sticklers for detail, only the best materials and microscopic perfection will do. Your Early Winters' Schonhofen will last

Truly a multipurpose pack. Equally at home on or off the trail!



and last. You can count on it, without worrying about it!

Feel the difference.

The Early Winters' Schonhofen pack is a great blend of design and materials. Aircraft aluminum staves, carefully shaped to the curve of a human back, cross the pack from corner to corner inside of the pack bag. The purpose of this internal X-frame is to hold the pack's shape. At the same time it distributes the load comfortably between your shoulders and your hips.

Because the frame is inside of the pack instead of outside, the Schonhofen design rides close to your back without swaying. This means you use less energy—and get less tired—than you would with a regular frame pack where the weight is carried farther from your back.



Need a sweater, your camera or rainwear? Just zip open the large back panel for quick access to everything.

Sewn right into the bottom of the pack is a comfortable, fully padded hipbelt. Like all good hipbelts, it holds the pack snugly at your waist and distributes part of the weight to your hips. But because it's sewn to the pack, it helps prevent the energy wasting "sloshing" motion common with separate hipbelts. It's more costly to make packs this way, but the added performance more than justifies the extra work.

All of these features add up to make a unique difference. We've tested this pack side-by-side with well-known frame & soft packs . . . as well as other "X" type packs. The Early Winters' Schonhofen pack is definitely more comfortable and easy to use. On several long mountain trips, the testers actually argued over who would get to wear the Early Winters' pack!

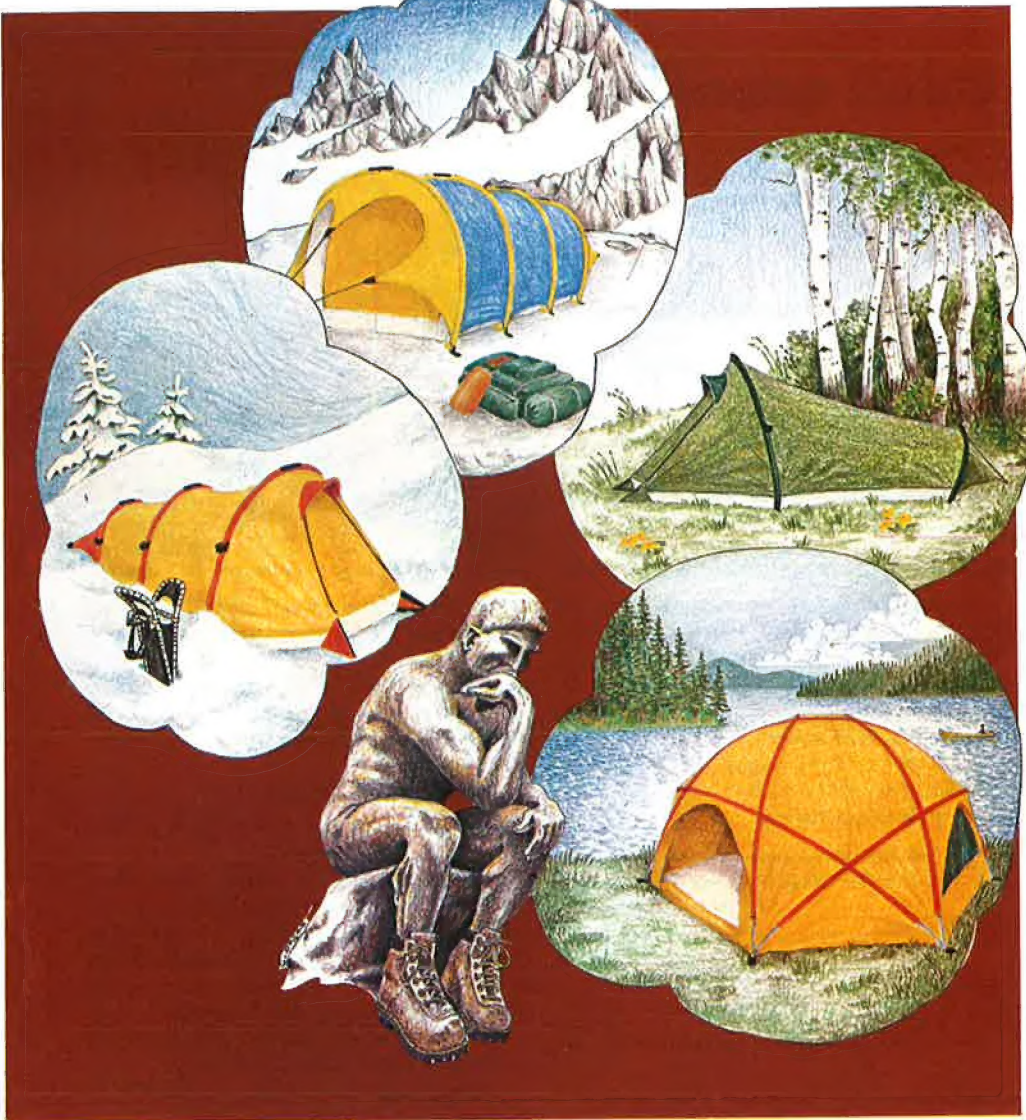
"I've used your pack on about 15 ski mountaineering trips, as well as 2 climbing expeditions into the Canadian Interior Ranges. I find it an exceptional ski pack due to the lack of sway & the ease with which I can strap my skis under the back compression straps. It has taken tremendous abuse, refuses to break, and is the most comfortable pack I've owned."—BN, Seattle



Easy load adjustment



Large side pockets open with handy Cordura lace pulls.



## Tips for picking a tent.

Choosing a tent is an important decision. By giving some thought to the kind of outdoor activities you're planning, you can be sure of choosing the shelter best suited to your personal needs.

Consider these questions as guidelines in picking an Early Winters tent.

Does all of your camping take place in the summer months?

If yes, then a Sleep Inn, Light Dimension, or Earth Station is probably best, depending upon how many are in your personal party.

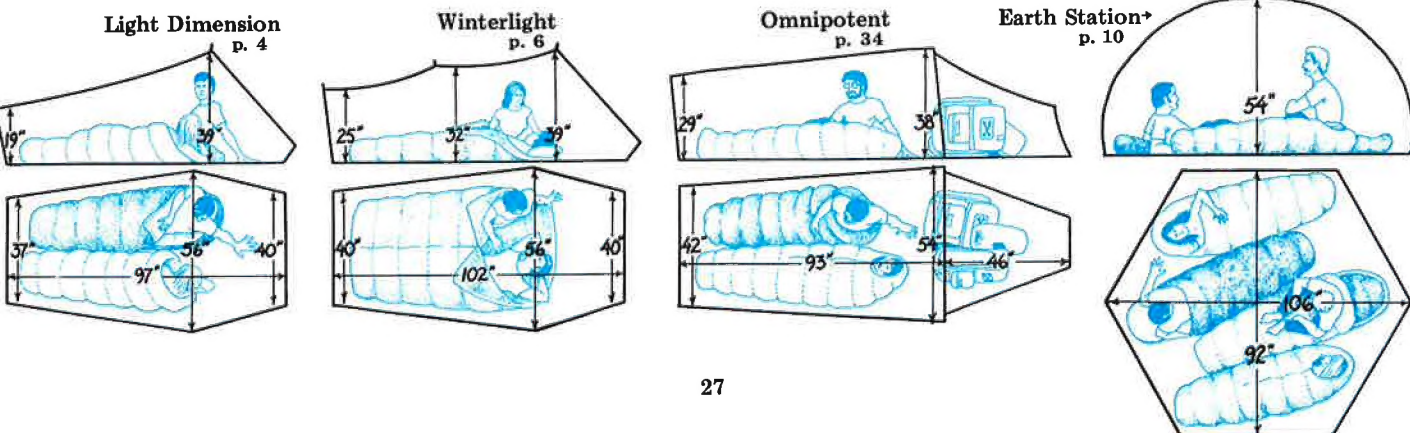
Are you a mountaineer or winter camper?

If so, the Winterlight is lightest, the Omnipotent gives more room for gear, and the Earth Station is best for parties of 3 and 4 who want to stay together.

How important to you is weight compared to strength and space?

- If weight is of utmost concern, the Light Dimension should be your tent for all but the most severe conditions.
- The Winterlight gives more room for a small additional weight. It's strong enough for severe winter use.
- The Omnipotent weighs a little more yet, and, with vestibule, gives you enough room for extended stays in foul weather.
- The Earth Station is downright roomy and extremely strong. A backpacking party of two will probably find its weight excessive unless they need the space (basecamps; extended photographic trips; semi-permanent living) or want deluxe accommodations. Groups of 3 or 4 will find it just right. Horse packers, canoeists, boaters and car campers can use it for 1 or more people.

Tent	For # seasons	Suggested Uses	Type of construction	Wt. (lbs)	Area (sq.')	Volume (cu.')
Light Dimension	3+	A very light & strong 3-season shelter for backpacking, mountaineering, canoe & kayak trips. Excellent for solo travelers and parties of 2.	Gore-Tex	3 3/4	31.7	68.3
Winterlight	4	The lightest winter mountaineering and camping tent available. Front & back doors. Nice for summer camping, too. Can sleep 3 tightly.	Gore-Tex	4 1/2	34.0	75.2
Omnipotent	4	A mountaineering classic. The standard for strength with light weight. Has seen use in every major range of the world. Not too heavy for summer use.	Integrated double wall needs no rainfly.	6 1/4	31.0	73.2
Omnipotent w/vestibule	4+	More room for extended use, sheltered cook area. Alpine-style expeditions.		6 3/4	42.2	100.5
Earth Station	4	A true geodesic structure. A world of room. Very strong. Luxurious accommodations the year 'round. Sleeps 3-4 nicely. Seats 8 or more.	Gore-Tex	9 3/4	50.8	147.0





## Feather River Pants . . . new for the hills, the beach, or your own backyard . . . Stronger than jeans and a lot more fun!

Slip into a pair of our new Feather River Pants. Go ahead . . . bend and stretch. Feel their freedom. Bask in their unabashed, honest comfort!

If you're at all like us, you'll be hooked. They're frankly too good to be without.

### Designed for action without bagginess.

A casual line, durable fabric, and easy fit have been masterly mixed to create the Feather River Pant.

They're cut for easy action, feature a distinctive karate-style belt, and give you the kind of room in the crotch, knee, and thigh to run, climb, or just plain lounge around in.

At the same time they're streamlined of unnecessary fabric so they look as good as they feel.

Made of special cotton canvas that's soft enough for karate, tough enough for straight jackets!

Feather River Pants are made from a natural, 100% combed cotton canvass . . . a fabric with an interesting history.

This 11½ oz. fabric is so abrasion resistant, tear proof, and tough that it was once used in the construction of straight jackets which Houdini used for his famous escapes. Today it's often used to make premium karate pants. It's strong and supple . . . yet not too heavy for comfortable wear. The tight weave and long-staple

*Fun, performance, & easy good looks!*

cotton means this special fabric will last longer than 14 oz. denim—the fabric used in the heaviest jeans.

### Practically welded together!

Feather River Pants are exceptionally well made. The folded seams are all *triple* stitched with extra-heavy thread. Each pair has 20 bartacks to reinforce stress points.

They simply won't come apart. In fact, the stitching may well outlast the pants! This unusual durability alone makes them an excellent value.

### Reveal your true colors!

Your Feather River Pants come to you in their natural, unbleached, undyed state. They retain all the character and good looks of the natural cotton fiber.

Should the whim or fancy strike, you can easily dye them any color. The 100% cotton fabric readily accepts dye and will take on full, rich shades.

We recommend a good fiber-reactant (Procion) or vat dye for the best results.

### A special, twice-around belt.

You'll find that your Feather River Pants feature a distinctive cotton webbing belt running through a reinforced waist band. It's the same ingenious belt found on karate pants where comfort and ease of movement are of such importance.

To use the belt, simply draw it up, pass one end through the front loop, and tie it in a bow. The waist of the pants will fit you perfectly.

### Pockets big enough to pack a lunch.

Each pair of Feather River Pants features two bellow pockets that'll tax your hoarding instincts. They're over 8" deep and 7" wide. Each will hold a quart water bottle, the Tolkien trilogy, or a small picnic.

The back edge of the pocket flap is stitched down so you'll never lose anything . . . no matter how exuberant your romps.

### Their easy-care good looks actually improve with age.

Feather River Pants are prewashed and pre-shrunk. The more you wear and wash them, the softer and more supple they become.

Machine wash them in hot water with the normal cycle. Remove them from the washer, smooth and shape, then tumble in the dryer at hot heat. They'll come out smooth, supple and ready to enjoy.

### Size them up.

Feather Rivers come in six sizes for a perfect fit.

If you're a woman between sizes, you'll probably want the larger size to have more room for your hips.

The legs come long and unhemmed. They can be hemmed, cut, or turned up for a perfect fit. Or if you wish, we'll even hem them for you. Send along the inseam length you wish for the legs *including* ¼" to allow for slight residual shrinkage.

### Treat yourself to a pair today. If you don't love 'em . . . we'll buy them back!

Send today for your very own pair of our wonderful Feather River Pants. When they arrive, jump right into them. Bend and stretch. Feel their easy comfort, their uninhibited freedom. Note the painstaking construction; the strong, natural fabric; their distinctive styling.

If you don't find these the most comfortable, practical, and rugged pants you've ever worn, send them back in 30 days and we'll either exchange them or buy them back . . . whichever you wish.

Waist sizes: XS(26-28"), S(28-30"), MS(30-32")  
ML(32-34"), L(34-36"), XL(36-38")  
Women's equivalent sizes: XS=size 7/8, S=9/10,  
MS=11/12, ML=13/14, L=16

### Feather River Pants

No. 0915 . . . . . \$24.50  
Save \$3.60! 2 pr. for. . . . . \$45.40  
Have 'em hemmed. Send inseam length + ¼"  
No. 7780 Per pair. . . . . \$1.50

## From Finland. Find your way with accuracy . . . An "eagle-eye" compass.

The Suunto Optical Sighting Compass comes from Finland, land of a thousand lakes.

It's unusually accurate, very durable, and weighs just 1.4 ozs. As one of the Ten Essentials, you should carry it on your person or tuck it in with your gear. It'll give you peace of mind to know you have it along. And when you need it, you'll find it very easy to use.

### As easy to use as a normal compass.

For general use, treat it just as you would a standard card-type compass. Look down through the clear window at the compass face. The black azimuth scale is marked off clearly in 5° divisions. A center pointer line is etched and marked in the window above the compass' face. You can easily orient the compass to the map or chart.

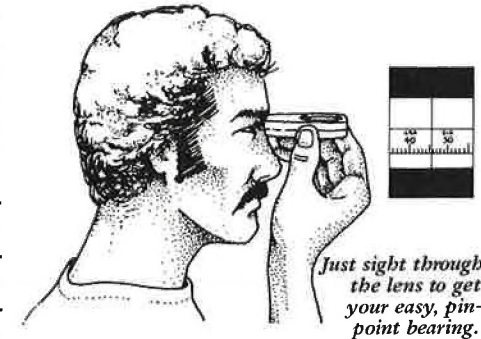
As an added bonus, you'll find it impossible to become confused as to which way is north (as often happens with regular needle compasses). North is clearly marked and is even indicated by a luminous triangle that makes it easy to see no matter how dim the light.

### Sight thru it for great, "eagle-eye" accuracy!

In those cases where you need great accuracy, the Suunto's optical sighting feature allows you to read your bearing to within a *fraction* of a degree. This is

precision no standard compass can match.

The optical sighting feature is easy to learn to use. Simply look through the lens of the optical system with one eye and focus your other eye on the mountain peak or object upon which you're taking a bearing. The separate images will fuse and you'll see the degree scale and the index mark superimposed on the distant peak. The scale is divided into 1° increments which are easily read closer. You'll see a black scale which gives you the bearing *to* an object, as well as a helpful red reciprocal scale which gives you the bearing *from* an object.



*Just sight through the lens to get your easy, pinpoint bearing.*

### Tough & convenient.

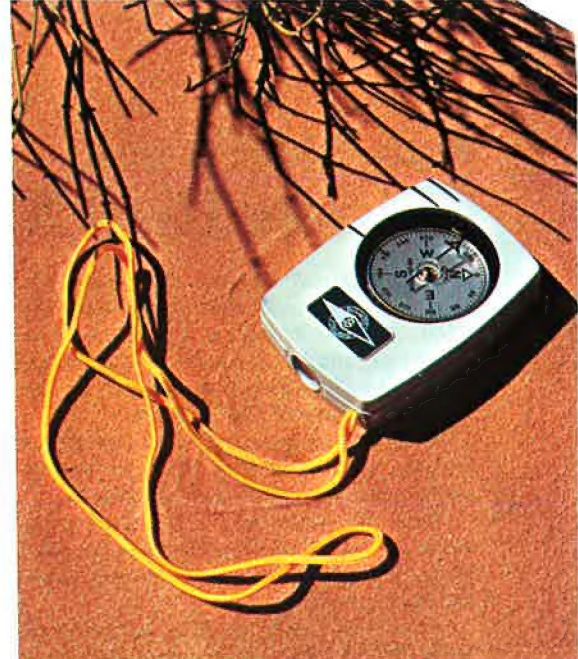
The Suunto Optical Sighting Compass is liquid-filled and hermetically sealed. The liquid gives it good damping action. You won't have to wait to get a reading. It settles right down and holds stable for quick, exact readings.

## The choice of two continents . . . English Rugby Shorts.

These genuine English Rugby Shorts are the classic attire for the traditional, bone-jarring game. They're tough enough to have been made the official short of the British Rugby Union.

Fashioned of natural, 100% British cotton drill, they resist snagging and are comfortable to wear. The wide cut of the seat and legs makes them exceptional hiking shorts. We've found that they're also adapted to nearly every active outdoor sport. You'll have room to move whether you're clearing from a "scrum" on the rugby field, bike touring the country, or jogging your favorite mile.

English Rugby Shorts feature a classic button fly, as well as a comfortable elastic waist with a drawstring. All of the seams are double-stitched and the pockets, crotch, and fly are reinforced with 1½"



*Light & durable. Guaranteed ¼° accuracy!*

The housing is of strong, break-proof gray plastic with a satin matte finish. It's light and shaped to fit your hand.

Each compass comes with a permanent, high-visibility yellow lanyard so you can hang it around your neck or tie it to your pack or pants.

### A fine instrument.

Order your fine Suunto Optical Sighting Compass today. Check its advanced features. See how easy it is to use. If you don't find it better than any regular compass you've used, return it within 30 days for a full refund. We guarantee it won't steer you wrong!

Suunto Optical Sighting Compass  
No. 5605 . . . . . \$19.85

cotton tape. They have two front slash pockets and a hip pocket.

Early Winters' English Rugby Shorts are easy to care for. Toss them in the washing machine (warm water) and tumble them dry at medium heat in the dryer. The vat-dyed drill cloth virtually eliminates running or fading.

Order yourself a pair of these outstanding shorts today. In just a few days you'll be wearing your own piece of British history . . . comfortable English Rugby Shorts in the same tough tradition as those that have served so admirably on the fields at Oxford & Cambridge these past 155 years.

Colors: Navy or British Brown (specify) Wt: 8 ozs.  
Men's even waist sizes: 26 to 40.  
Women's equivalent sizes: 26=9/10, 28=11/12 etc

### English Rugby Shorts

No. 0914 . . . . . \$15.50  
Save \$2.10! 2 pr. for. . . . . \$28.90





The Earth Station™ . . . a fusion of Gore-Tex® & geodesics.

Now you can surround yourself with more room . . . more protection . . . more luxury . . . than ever before possible in a lightweight tent.

Come in, stretch out, relax. Spread your arms. Kick out your legs. Feel the space all around. Big. Snug. Secure. Relaxing. A cathedral to your senses. A pleasure dome to call home in all the places of the world.

It's Early Winters' Earth Station. An outpost for wanderers. A haven for hikers. A sanctuary for mountaineers. A free-standing world you create in less than 5 minutes. Start to finish. Single-handedly.

A Gore-Tex® skin. A clean, geodesic line.

Come inside. The Earth Station is a whole new world. It's a free-standing geodesic dome. Its lines are clean. Its design is precise, scientific, and elegant.

This is a tent to take car camping in Europe. Or hiking along the beach. Or canoeing in Canada. Or climbing in Alaska. Or anything the mind can imagine in between.

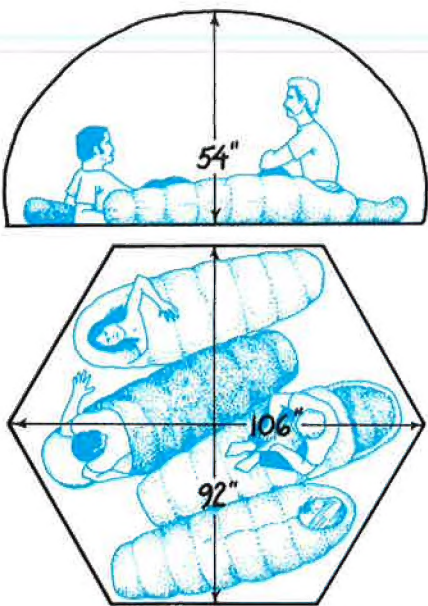
You'll love it because it pitches easily. Because it's big, yet relaxing inside. Because it's designed and proven to give you uncommon protection from all the elements.

Indeed, the Earth Station offers you the best combination of strength, space, and weight ever brought together in a lightweight 3-4 person tent.

- It gives you:
- A 9' wide, 50 sq. ft. floor to relax on.
  - A 4½' high ceiling at the center with headroom all the way to the walls.
  - Two big, zippered windows with built-in netting and protective eaves for delightful views and fresh air.
  - A 3' high, 4' wide front door to make coming and going easy.
  - A fast and fool-proof 5 minute set up.
  - Six 8X9" netting pockets to keep your flashlight, glasses, and snacks close at hand. Three ceiling loops to hang a candle lantern or dry your socks from.
  - As well as all the careful detailing and appointments that are the mark of any Early Winters tent.

You get all this, plus the fabled strength of geodesics.

And, because it's constructed of a waterproof, breathable Gore-Tex® laminate,



New! Exclusively for bicyclists . . .

Bike Booties™

Now it's easy to enjoy warm, dry feet!

Here's a guaranteed sure cure for unhappy bicycling feet.

It's our new Gore-Tex® Bike Booties to keep your feet wonderfully warm in numbing winds; dry in downpours.

They make such a difference in bicycling comfort that we find them almost as indispensable as the air in our tires.

Our fitted bike gaiters with toe caps give you easy comfort for your feet and shins. Zip them up, cinch the toggled drawcord at top, and buckle the strong neoprene instep strap. Then just snap down the weather flap over our special silicone-treated zipper . . . you're now beautifully weatherproofed!

Bike Booties feature a leg fashioned of tough, nylon-twill Gore-Tex laminate. The shoe section is made of rugged, 8 oz. coated nylon pack cloth. They'll give you years of thankful feet . . . all for less than 10 ozs. — a mere ounce a toe.

Fitted in your new Bike Booties, you'll be ready for sloppy roads, clear chilly days, and the range between. Should your calves or feet overheat . . . open up the zipper for just the right amount of cooling air.

You can wear your Bike Booties over rainpants (p. 17) or chaps (p. 25) for com-

plete waist-to-toe comfort.

But no matter how you wear them, you'll wear them in safety. The bright gold Gore-Tex leg makes you more visible to motorists. And they automatically guard you from the bicycle chain.

So, don't be a heel . . . give your feet the relief they deserve. Order yourself a pair of our new Bike Booties. In just a few days you'll discover how easy it is to be comfortable on otherwise cold or rainy days.

If they don't give you these proven results—if your new Bike Booties don't greatly increase your bicycling pleasure—then simply return them to us within 30 days. We'll refund or exchange the Bike Booties, just as you wish. We guarantee it.

Bike Booties . . . they're good for your sole.

Color: Daddy Warbucks Gold with German Chocolate trim.

Weight: 10 oz. in their nice, cord-locked stuff sack.

Sizes	S	MS	ML	L
Men's shoe size	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12
Women's shoe size	7-8	9-10	11-12	

Bike Booties

No. 4125 . . . . . \$29.95

Save \$5.45! 2 for . . . . . \$54.45



Try a pair of our new Gore-Tex Bike Booties. Discover for yourself just how easy it is to keep your feet warm & dry. Bike Booties are guaranteed to increase the safety & enjoyment of your cycling experience!

Do it yourself with . . . Gore-Tex® laminates by the yard

If you're handy with scissors, pattern, and sewing machine . . . or have an energetic friend . . . then here's the remarkable fabric of our generation available to you by the foot, yard, or furlong.

Order 10 yards or more of a single color of one laminate, and deduct 10% from the total price of those yards.

The seams on all rain gear and tents—including those of Gore-Tex® laminates—must be sealed to be completely watertight. We supply our Rain Coat sealant with all of our Gore-Tex® gear.

If you're making yourself a tent or parka, be sure to order this sealant. It's made by us especially for sealing Gore-Tex laminates.

A special syringe applicator comes with each can of sealant. This syringe makes sealing neat, quick, & economical.

The 3 oz. can is enough for a parka; 8 ozs. plenty for a tent.

Rain Coat Seam Sealant

No. 8001, 3 oz. w/syringe . . . \$2.45

No. 8002, 8 oz. w/syringe . . . \$3.85

No. 8003, reusable syringe . . . \$.65

Gore-Tex® Laminate	Colors	Width	Ozs./sq. yd.	Thread Count	Cat. #	Price
Gore-Tex Hytron garment laminate (1.7 oz. nylon taffeta/polyester knit)	Blue/Navy Gold/Orange Green/Forest	43"	3.8	110x112	7102	\$7.95
Gore-Tex Taslan garment laminate (3.5 oz. tazlanized nylon/poly knit)	Grey/Navy Tan/Brown Blue/Navy	43"	5.6	72x85	7105	\$9.50
Gore-Tex tent laminate (Polyester taffeta/polyester nexus)	Green/Yellow Gold/Yellow	43"	3.2	86x110	7101	\$7.85





the Omnipotent has over 60% more volume than a triangular tent of the same height and width. None of this volume is wasted space . . . as in the peaks and corners of a triangular tent.

The Omnipotent's efficient shape gives you plenty of room for sitting and sleeping, as well as increased ventilation and a spacious feeling.

#### Set it up fast.

To pitch your Omnipotent, just give the 4 shock-corded precision fiberglass poles a shake. They instantly snap together. Slide them—from the top of the tent—into their sleeves, bow them out, and lock the slide coupling in place. The tent needs only two anchors, one in front and one in back. There is no time consuming rainfly to stake out and adjust.

You can pitch your Omnipotent in under 5 minutes . . . even in bad weather. This is a big advantage, since the last thing you want to do at the end of a day is spend a lot of time putting up a tent.

#### A true 4-season tent.

Just because the Omnipotent was designed as a secure, lightweight shelter for the alpine stye mountaineer, don't think that you can't use yours for summer backpacking and camping.

At 6 lbs. it is still lighter than most summer tents. On hot days, open the large doors at each end. Zip up the no-see-um proof netting doors, and the Omnipotent

becomes a haven from mosquitos and their pesky allies.

Since the doors are vertical and protected by an overhanging eave, you can leave them open on calm, rainy days so that you can enjoy the view and fresh air.

#### Extra features give you greater livability.

The Omnipotent comes with several small features which add greatly to the livability of a tent. Divided netting pockets on each side at the front are handy for stashing your glasses, matches, maps, reading material, and other small items. Loops sewn at the top of the inner wall allow you to string a clothes line for drying out socks and clothing. The front loop is also perfect for hanging a candle lantern for warmth and a cheery light.

Every Omnipotent comes with a built-in accessory zipper near the front door. The optional vestibule, which weighs 9 ozs., attaches to this accessory zipper.

We've found the vestibule very useful for winter camping. It keeps gear from being buried in the snow and provides a protected, floorless area where you can scoop snow to melt for water without having to go outside.

The vent at the top of the vestibule allows protected ventilation when cooking in your tent with the front door open.

The vestibule can also be used in the summer when much rain is anticipated. It is a practical addition for expanding the

#### HERE'S WHAT YOU GET—

- The Omnipotent, complete pole set, plus heavy-duty carrying sack with cord lock.
- 2 strong 12" Lexan plastic stakes.
- Set of side guying lines for foul weather use.
- 8 oz. Early Winters' Rain Coat seam sealant and exclusive Monoject applicator for neat, fast application.
- Complete, detailed instructions for the use and care of your new tent.
- Our "You Must Be Satisfied" money back guarantee and full warranty.

volume and extending the use of your tent.

#### A tent is only as good as the materials and workmanship . . .

The Omnipotent of today is a result of a constant refinement of materials and techniques. We take no short cuts in production, and we've never spared any expense in procuring the exact materials for each of the 171 pieces necessary to make this tent. Making Omnipotents is so time consuming and demanding that we limit our production to 400 tents a year to assure you of the highest standards of quality.

#### Our guarantee says it best.

We could easily go to great lengths telling you stories of people who credit their lives to this tent. And we could set forth every last engineering, design, and construction detail. But when you think about it, what really matters is how well your Omnipotent works for you.

From demanding backpacking trips to severe alpine climbs in the Cordillera Blanca, you just can't beat the strength, light weight and versatility of an Omnipotent. So, if you need secure shelter for a climb of Mt. McKinley, a tent for trekking in Nepal, or a backpacking tent with strength to spare "just in case" . . . get yourself an Omnipotent. When it arrives, read the instructions, set it up, and examine it in detail. If you're not more than pleased with your Omnipotent . . . if you're not convinced that it's the finest tent you've ever used . . . just return it postpaid and insured within 30 days for a full refund or exchange, as you wish.

As with everything we offer, the Omnipotent is warrantied to the original owner against defects in workmanship and materials. We will replace or repair to your satisfaction any tent found defective—at no cost to you.

Color: Medium blue.

Weight: Tent, poles and stuff sack—6 lbs.  
Vestibule with stuff sack—9 ozs.

See complete specifications on the next pg.

Early Winters Omnipotent

No. 0101 . . . . . \$316.00 ppd

Omnipotent Vestibule

No. 0201 . . . . . \$30.00





## The Klondike Comfort Sock

# Deep, thick socks to sink your feet into ...

*Possibly the most comfortable socks you'll ever wear!*

Slip into a pair of our new Klondike Comfort Socks and you'll feel why our sock tester says, "It's like stepping out of bed onto a sheep skin rug ... a rich, yielding cushion surrounding your feet!"

20,000 shock absorbers to cushion the load.

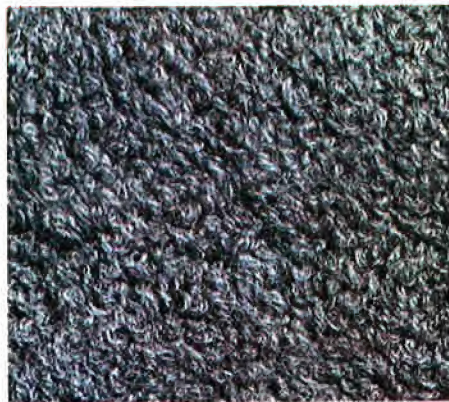
Klondike Comfort Socks are knitted by a special process that puts nearly 10,000 springy loops of resilient wool inside every sock.

Each of these loops acts as a tiny shock absorber to soak up the pressure of your steps. Mile after mile, these little shock absorbers cushion your feet and help prevent foot fatigue.

At the same time, this myriad of wool "fingers" absorbs perspiration and created innumerable air pockets to insulate your feet from heat and cold.

After a full day of hiking, you'll really appreciate the remarkable com-

*Klondike Comfort Socks—  
As practical as they are luxurious.*



*Thousands upon thousands of springy loops cushion your every step!*

fort and foot-hugging S-T-R-E-T-C-H of these unusual socks.

## After the Gold Rush.

More than 80 years have now passed since that summer morning in 1896 when gold was discovered on Bonanza Creek in the Klondike. The feverish and picturesque hordes of fortune seekers have come and gone. But the necessity of first-rate footwear—so often learned by those intrepid men—remains with us still.

Our special Klondike Comfort Socks commemorate the colorful history of the region. They are made to the highest standards to get you more easily into the remote regions of the Klondike ... or anywhere a foot can tread.

Color: Grey—90% wool, 10% nylon.  
Weight: 5 oz./pair.

Size: Medium for shoe size 7-9.  
Large for adult sizes 9½-12½.

## Klondike Comfort Socks

No. 0303 ..... \$6.45  
Save \$1.35! ..... 3 pairs \$18.00



# From moon walks to Earth wanderings.

*Insoles developed for use in space ... now available for your down-to-earth pleasure.*

When Neil Armstrong set foot to the surface of the moon, his feet were ventilated in a cushion of special material, ThermaFlex K ... now used for the insoles which Frank Shorter wears when he runs a marathon.

New ThermaFlex K insoles are the best ever made. Fashioned exclusively from a woven 3-dimensional open mesh material, they won't absorb moisture, yet allow air to circulate under your feet to keep them dry, cushioned, and insulated.

Slip a pair into your shoes or boots. You'll immediately feel how this shock absorbing, non-compressible material softens your step; adds spring to your walk.

Try them in your boots, and you'll want a pair for your tennis shoes, your street shoes ...

Weight: Just 3/4 oz./pair!



*Use jogging, biking, skiing, around town ...*

Women's shoe sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9  
No. 0304 ..... \$2.95/pair

Men's sizes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12  
No. 0305 ..... \$2.95/pair



**THE COSMIC SLEEP.**  
New space-age performance in a foam pad to enhance your down-to-earth sleep.



Color: Scorching Solar Yellow  
Weight: 11 ozs.

## Cosmic Sleep Foam Pad

No. 3205 ..... \$9.95  
Save \$1. .... 2 for \$18.90

## Deluxe Carrying Sack

No. 3206 ..... \$3.45  
Save \$.45 ..... 2 for \$6.45

*Quickly know & identify any tree in North America!*

# Truly excellent Tree Finders

These remarkable 64 page pocket manuals are the best guides we've ever seen for identifying the trees of Canada and the United States.

Each measures just 4 by 6 inches and weighs less than 2 ozs. Slip one in your pack or pocket & you may forget it's there ... they're truly that compact.

But when you come upon an unfamiliar tree ... and want to learn the name and more about it ... your tree finder will be just a reach away, ready to use.

And you'll have the answers fast. Because, next to having an expert naturalist at your elbow, these guides are the surest, easiest method of becoming familiar with the trees of your area.

When you receive your tree finders, you'll see that they work in a special way.

To learn about a tree, open your tree finder to the start. Select a typical leaf or some needles from the tree and consider the first "either-or" choice. The answer will give you a "go to" direction—either a symbol or another page. There you'll be asked to choose again between two different characteristics.

After just a few choices, you'll come to the name and a drawing of the tree you're

seeking. You'll also find a map of the tree's range, its scientific name, its favorite habitat, and some interesting facts concerning the particular tree.

Each tree finder is indexed for cross reference & features an informative introduction.

Highly recommended!

Tree Finders—specify on order form  
No. 0500 ..... \$1.00  
Save! All four ..... \$3.85



*Rocky Mountain*



*Desert Tree Finder*



*Master Finder*



*Pacific Coast Finder*

